STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, the 7th July 1931/23rd Mithunam 1106.

The fourth meeting of the Standing Finance Committee, 1106, of the Legislative Council, was held in the Dewan's Room, Public Offices, at 12 Noon on Tuesday, the 7th July 1931/23rd Mithunam 1106.

The following members were present :—
V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. L., Dewan—*President.*
K. Kunjukrishna Pillai Esq., B. A., B. L.,
N. K. Krishna Pillai Esq., B. A., B. L.,
Joseph Kunju Esq.,
K. George Esq., B. A.,
R. Nilakanta Pillai Esq., B. A., B. L.,
P. N. Krishna Pillai Esq., B. A., B. L., *Convener.*

XIV. Stationery and Printing.

29. The Committee agreed to the proposal for the entertainment temporarily for one year from 1-1-1107 of an additional staff consisting of 1 Ruler on Rs. 14, 1 Ruling machine feeder on Rs. 10 and one taking-off Boy on Rs. 7 per mensem to work the Ruling Machine in the Government Press and to the provision of a sum of Rs. 372 required for the purpose in the Budget for 1107.

XV. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

30. The proposal regarding improvement to the Government Museum and Public Gardens and the provision of Rs. 2,000 for the purpose in the Budget was next taken up for consideration. Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that the amount should not be given before knowing on which items it is going to be spent. Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai said that the Director would report to Government about the most urgent items of work and only then the amount will be sanctioned by Government. As the non-official members were not satisfied with this the Superintendent and the Director of Museum and Public Gardens were summoned. They explained the necessity for several items of work. The proposal was finally agreed to by the Committee on the Director agreeing to utilise the amount for extending the Lions' cage.

31. The Committee approved the provision of a sum of Rs. 220 in the Budget for the continuance during 1107 of the temporary Attender-Mechanic in the Astronomical Section of the Observatory.

XVI. Public Works Department.

32. The Committee agreed to the provision of a sum of Rs. 1,155 in the Budget for the continuance till the end of Karkatakam 1106 of the following temporary staff appointed for the construction of the Pallivasal-Neriamangalam road :—

(1) One Assistant Engineer on Rs. 250-50/3-400. Local allowance Rs. 75.

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